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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	MINEMOTO et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	10/698,221	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
Filed:	October 31, 2003	Docket No.:	10873.1337US01
Title:	ULTRAVIOLET ACOUSTOOPTIC DEVICE AND OPTICAL IMAGING APPARATUS USING THE SAME		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

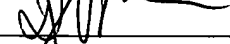
as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,


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 <p>FORM 1449*</p> <p>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</p> <p>IN AN APPLICATION</p> <p>(Use several sheets if necessary)</p>	<p>Docket Number:</p> <p>10873.1337US01</p>	<p>Application Number:</p> <p>10/698,221</p>
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EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.	